(b) whether it is a fact that a police officer of Punjab Cadre had initiated constitution of citizen societies in Jharkhand on the lines of Punjab; and

(c) if so, whether Government would inform about number of such societies active against naxalites and Maoists in various States of the country and number of members in such societies and how far these are effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Law and order is a State subject. Citizen security societies or village security societies, which operate at the local level, are not constituted at the National level.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Statistics of such societies in various States are not maintained at the Central level.

Source of weapons for naxalites

†1766. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have detected the source from which the naxalites get the weapons;

(b) whether this source of weapons is within the country or it is in foreign countries; and

(c) what measures have been taken to curb it in any way?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) As per information available, naxalites primarily get a substantial bulk of their weapons by looting. They also get them from illicit weapon manufacturing units. There is no information available in respect of naxalites receiving weapons from foreign countries. Law and order being a State subject, action in this regard is taken by the concerned State Governments. State Governments maintain close vigil in this respect, and also conduct intelligence-based operations against naxalite hideouts and illicit weapon manufacturing units.

Recommendation of ARC on federal crimes

1767. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the second Administrative Reforms Commission has recommended sweeping powers to the Centre to deploy armed forces in States and favoured a new law governing ''federal crimes'' like terrorism and human trafficking-which can be probed by CBI on its own;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether the second Administrative Reforms Commission in its report has also recommended repealing the contentious Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act and called for enabling legislation for deployment of armed forces in the northeastern States;

(c) if so, what are the other main recommendations made; and

(d) by what time final decision in this regard is likely to be considered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) The Second Administrative Reforms Commission in its Fifth Report on 'Public Order' has, *inter alia* made the following recommendations:

(i) A law should be enacted to empower the Union Government to deploy its Forces and to even direct such Forces in case of major public order problems which may lead to the breakdown of the constitutional machinery in a State. However, such deployment should take place only after the State concerned fails to act on a 'direction' issued by the Union under Article 256 of the Constitution. All such deployments should be only for a temporary period not exceeding three months, which could be extended by another three months after authorization by Parliament.

(ii) The law should spell out the hierarchy of the civil administration which would supervise the Forces under such circumstances.

(iii) Specific provisions to define organised crimes should be included in the new law governing ''Federal Crimes''. The definition of organised crime in this law should be on the lines of Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act, 1999.

The Report of the Commission has been received only recently and is being examined. 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects under the Constitution, consultation with the State Governments will also be necessary while forming any view on these recommendations.

(b) to (d) The Commission in the same report has also made certain recommendations in respect of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 and has referred to the report of Justice B.P. Jeevan Reddy Committee in this regard. The recommendations of the Committee are being examined and a decision in the matter is yet to be taken.

Misuse of section 498 A

1768. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NRIs have complained against the misuse of Section 498A of the Dowry Prevention law by Police, to the Prime Minister and the President of India;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;